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(54) **GROCERY CART BEVERAGE HOLDER**

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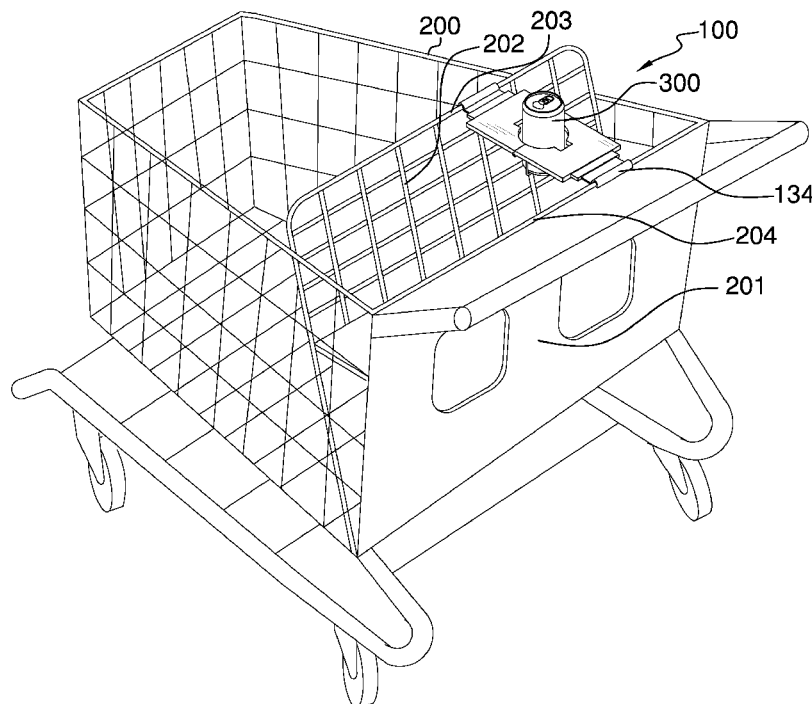
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ABSTRACT

The grocery cart beverage holder is configured for use in attaching itself in between the rear wall of a grocery cart and a pivoting child seat wall in order to support a beverage upright there between. The grocery cart beverage holder is constructed of a first member hingedly connected to a second member. The first member and the second member each have a beverage cutout that align with one another to collectively for a cup holder slot. The first member as well as the second member include a slideable member that extends distally away from the respective member. The slideable members each include a clip configured for use in securing the slideable member onto the surface of the grocery cart.

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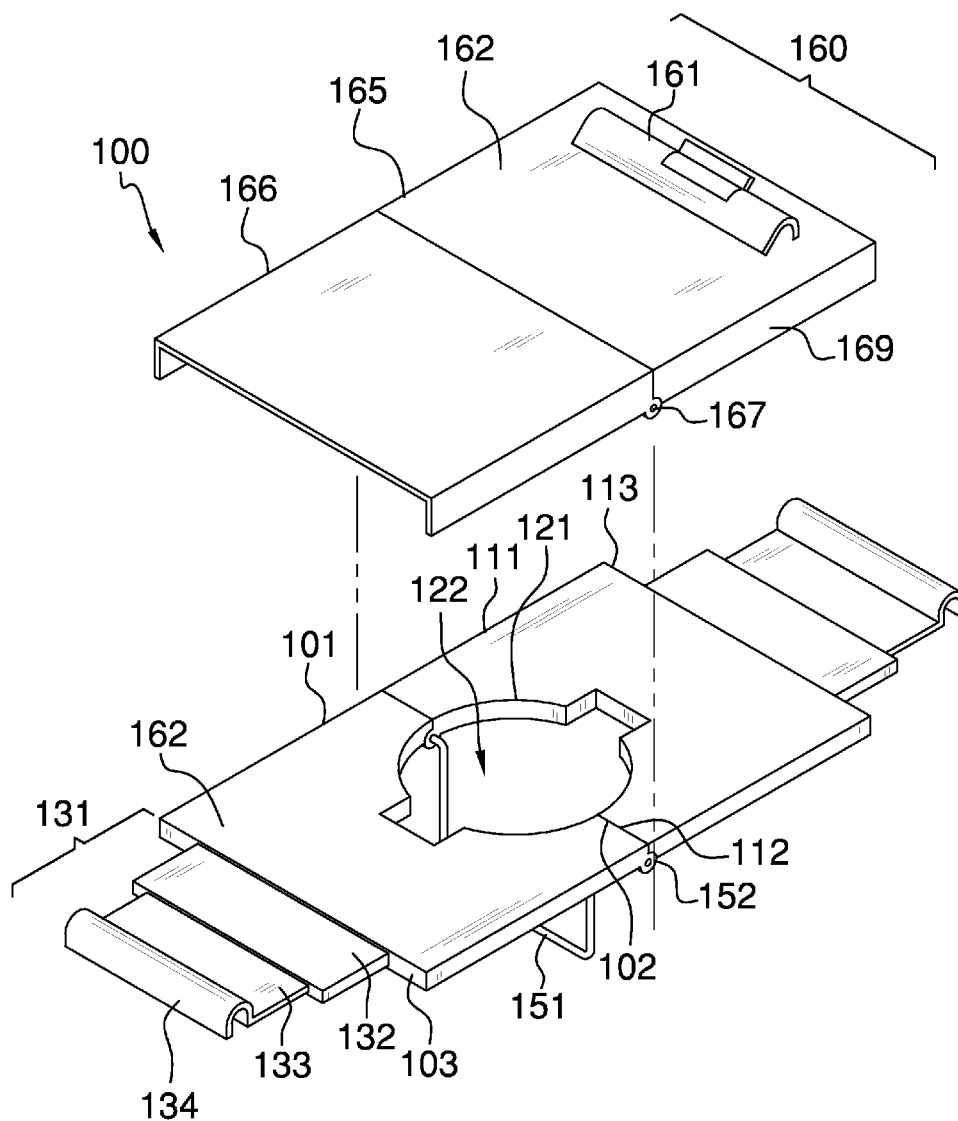
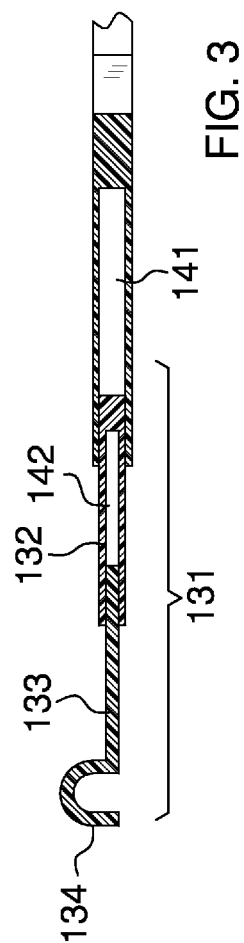
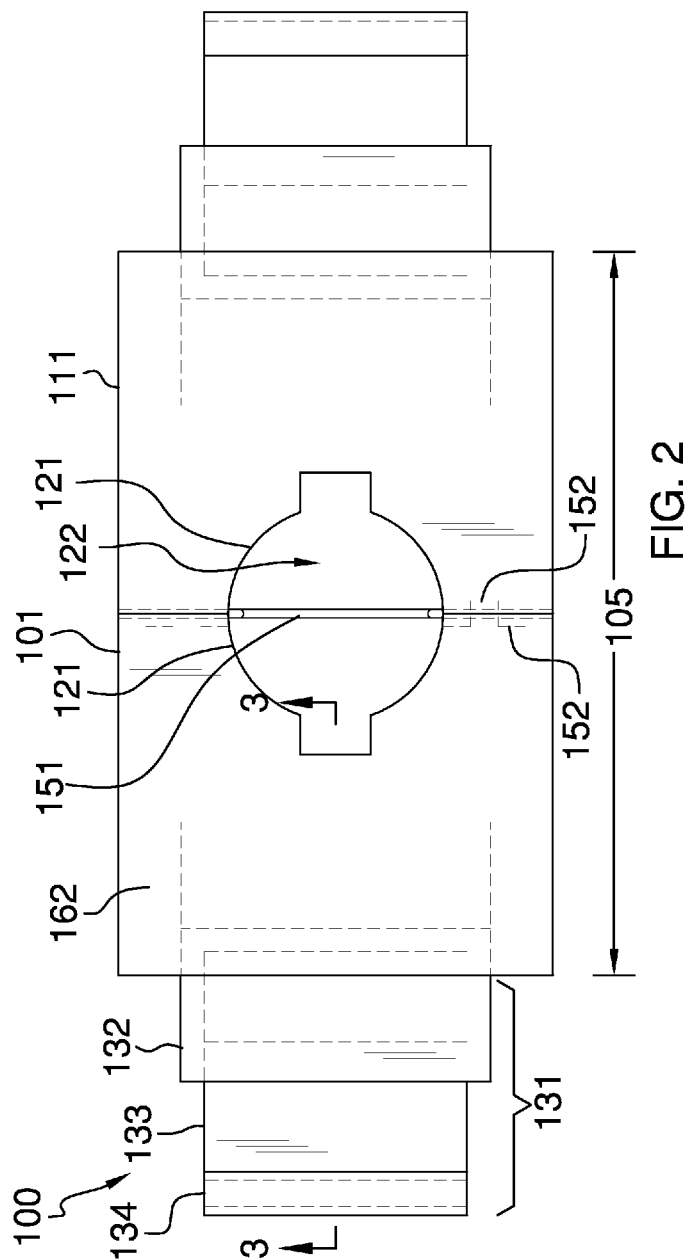
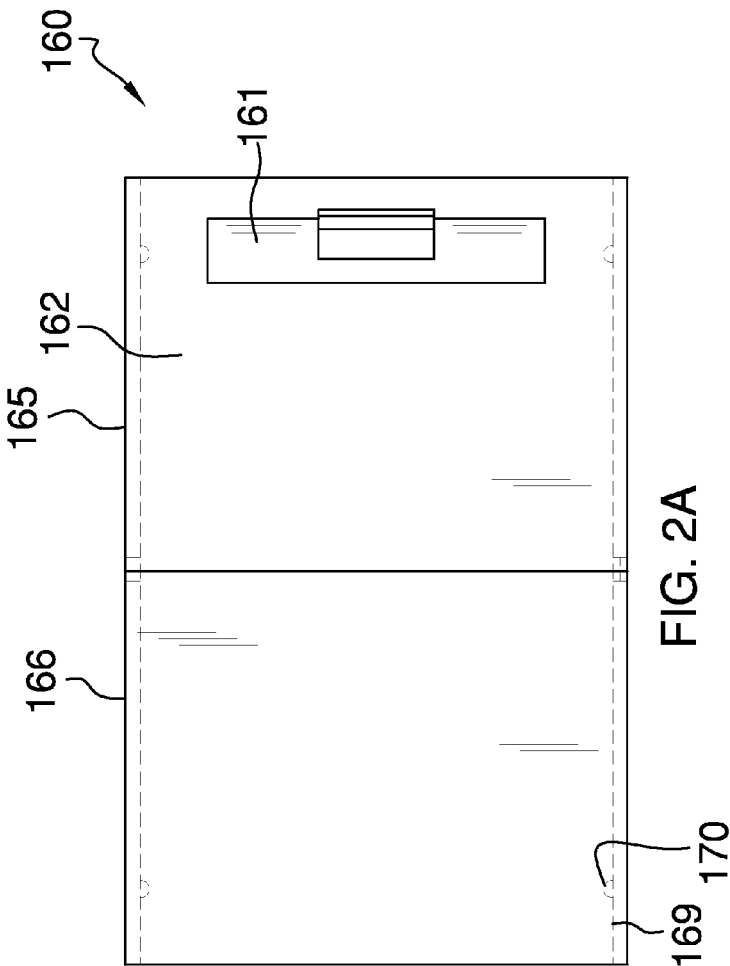
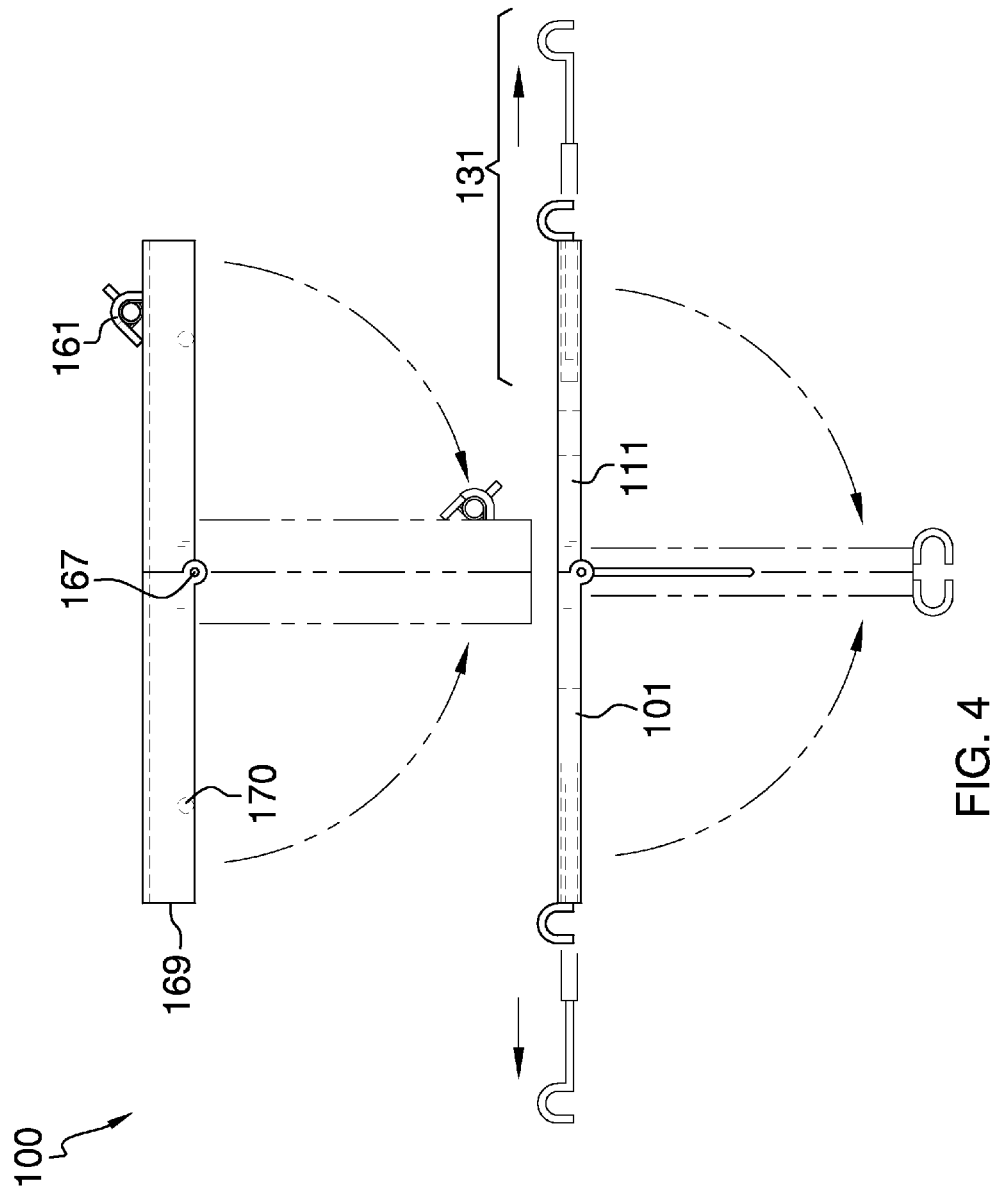


FIG. 1







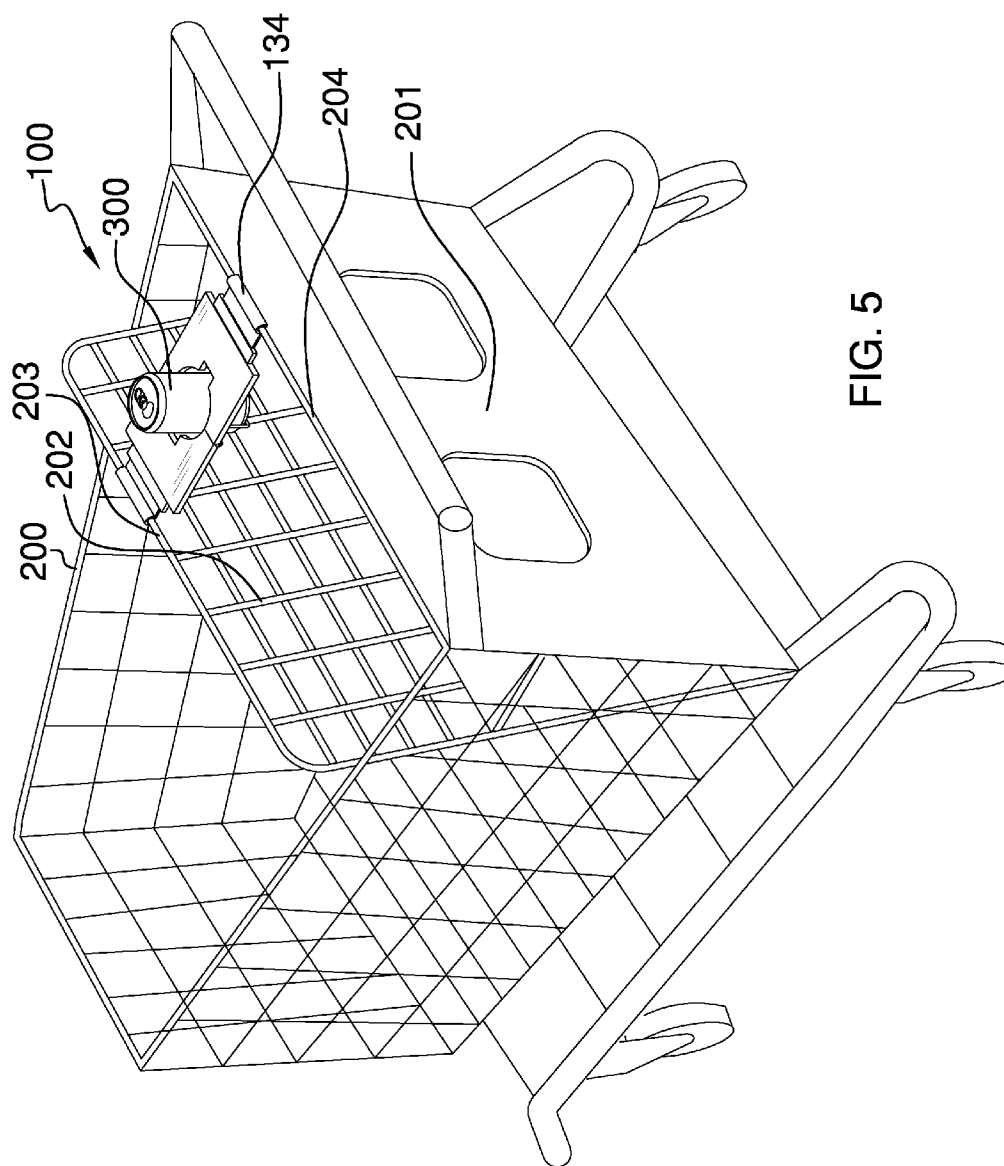


FIG. 5

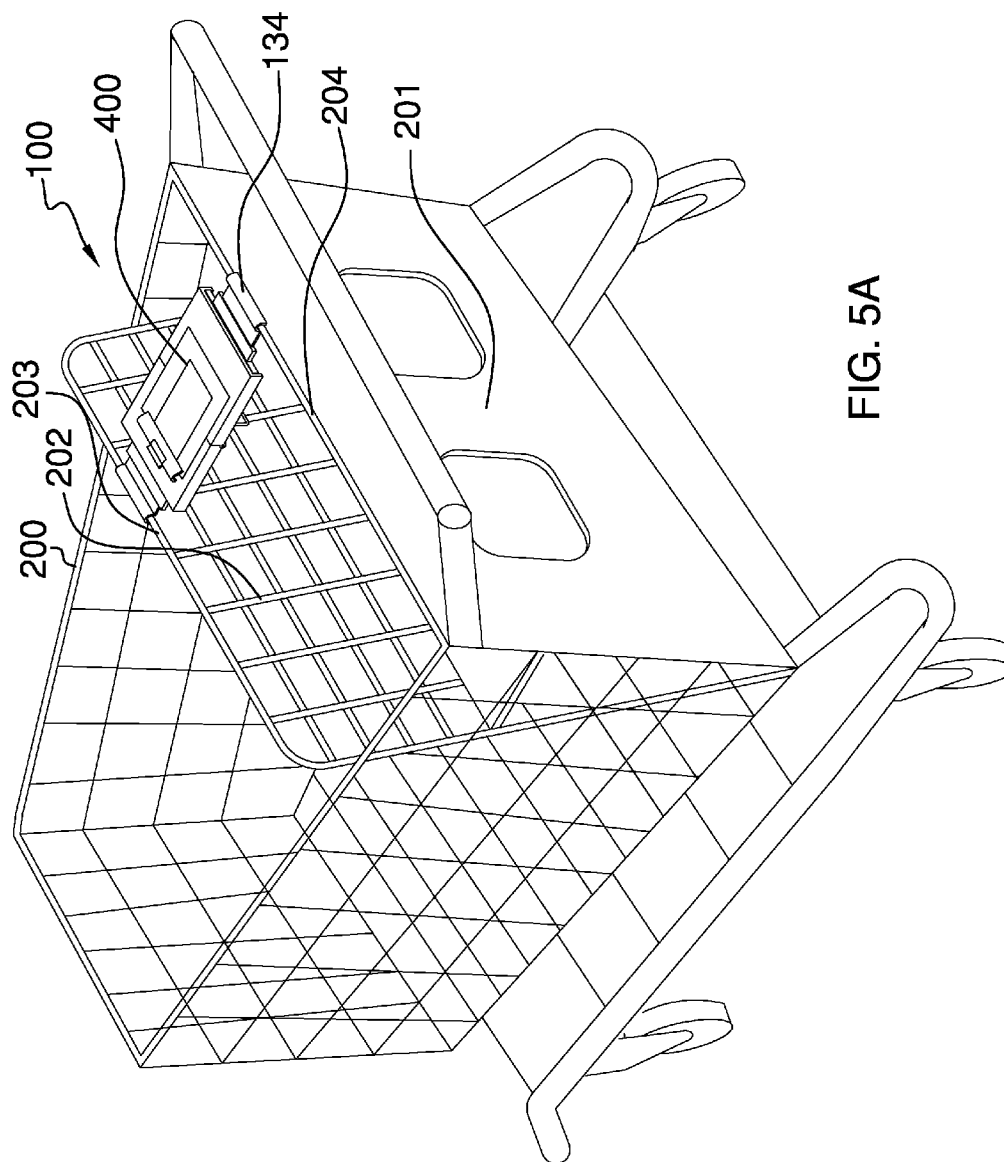


FIG. 5A

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GROCERY CART BEVERAGE HOLDER**CROSS REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable.

STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH

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REFERENCE TO APPENDIX

Not Applicable

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**A. Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates to the field of grocery carts, more specifically, a beverage holder that is configured to support itself and a cup with respect to a grocery cart.

B. Discussion of the Prior Art

As will be discussed immediately below, no prior art discloses a grocery cart beverage holder that is configured for use in attaching itself in between the rear wall of a grocery cart and a pivoting child seat wall in order to support a beverage upright there between; wherein the grocery cart beverage holder is constructed of a first member hingedly connected to a second member; wherein the first member and the second member each have a beverage cutout that align with one another to collectively for a cup holder slot; wherein the first member as well as the second member include a slideable member the slideable members each include a clip configured for use in securing the slideable member onto the surface of the grocery cart; wherein a wire hanger extends and connects the first member to the second member in order to enable rotation of the first member with respect to the second member; wherein the wire hanger rotates downwardly beneath the cup holder slot to limit the travel of the beverage into the cup holder slot; wherein either the first member or the second member may include a coupon spring clip that is configured to secure at least one coupon thereto.

The Peota et al. Patent Application Publication (U.S. Pub. No. 2008/0237284) discloses a cup holder for a shopping cart. However, the cup holder is not a device that folds out to span in between the rear and pivoting child seat wall of the grocery cart.

The Vogel Patent Application Publication (U.S. Pub. No. 2007/0007416) discloses a folding beverage cup holder that can hang from the handle of a shopping cart. However, the cup holder is not able to span in between the rear and pivoting child seat walls of a grocery cart.

The Cappellino et al. Patent Application Publication (U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0199667) discloses a cup holder mountable on a shopping cart. Among other things, the cup holder is not able to span in between the rear and pivoting child seat walls of a grocery cart.

The Werner Patent (U.S. Pat. No. 6,749,204) discloses a cup holder attached to, or incorporated into, a portion of an open top basket of a standard wire mesh shopping cart. However, the cup holder is not able to span in between the rear and pivoting child seat walls of a grocery cart.

The Bergin et al. Patent (U.S. Pat. No. 6,186,382) discloses a cup holder mountable on the interior of a supermarket cart.

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Among other things, the cup holder is not able to span in between the rear and pivoting child seat walls of a grocery cart.

The Adamson Patent (U.S. Pat. No. 5,362,077) discloses a shopping cart having a retractable cup holder. However, the cup holder is not adapted for use in between the rear wall and pivoting child seat wall of a grocery cart.

The Peota et al. Patent (U.S. Pat. No. 7,384,049) discloses a cup holder for a shopping cart. However, the cup holder is not adapted to be positioned in between the pivoting child seat wall and rear wall of a grocery cart in order to support itself and suspend a beverage there between.

The Ryan Patent (U.S. Pat. No. 7,219,901) discloses a cup holder for mounting on a basket of a shopping cart. However, the cup holder only clips onto a single surface.

While the above-described devices fulfill their respective and particular objects and requirements, they do not describe a grocery cart beverage holder that is configured for use in attaching itself in between the rear wall of a grocery cart and a pivoting child seat wall in order to support a beverage upright there between; wherein the grocery cart beverage holder is constructed of a first member hingedly connected to a second member; wherein the first member and the second member each have a beverage cutout that align with one another to collectively for a cup holder slot; wherein the first member as well as the second member include a slideable member that extends distally away from the respective member; wherein the slideable members each include a clip configured for use in securing the slideable member onto the surface of the grocery cart; wherein a wire hanger extends and connects the first member to the second member in order to enable rotation of the first member with respect to the second member; wherein the wire hanger rotates downwardly beneath the cup holder slot to limit the travel of the beverage into the cup holder slot; wherein either the first member or the second member may include a coupon spring clip that is configured to secure at least one coupon thereto. In this regard, the grocery cart beverage holder departs from the conventional concepts and designs of the prior art.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The grocery cart beverage holder is configured for use in attaching itself in between the rear wall of a grocery cart and a pivoting child seat wall in order to support a beverage upright there between. The grocery cart beverage holder is constructed of a first member hingedly connected to a second member. The first member and the second member each have a beverage cutout that align with one another to collectively for a cup holder slot. The first member as well as the second member include a slideable member that extends distally away from the respective member. The slideable members each include a clip configured for use in securing the slideable member onto the surface of the grocery cart. The wire hanger extends and connects the first member to the second member in order to enable rotation of the first member with respect to the second member. The wire hanger rotates downwardly beneath the cup holder slot to limit the travel of the beverage into the cup holder slot. Either the first member or the second member may include a coupon spring clip that is configured to secure at least one coupon thereto.

It is an object of the invention to provide a device that clips onto the rear wall of a grocery cart and the pivoting child seat wall in order to erect a beverage holder there between.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device that is able to collapse in between uses.

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A further object of the invention is to provide a device that includes a beverage cup slot and a wire hanger to limit the depth into which the beverage can be inserted.

These together with additional objects, features and advantages of the grocery cart beverage holder will be readily apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art upon reading the following detailed description of presently preferred, but nonetheless illustrative, embodiments of the grocery cart beverage holder when taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

In this respect, before explaining the current embodiments of the grocery cart beverage holder in detail, it is to be understood that the grocery cart beverage holder is not limited in its applications to the details of construction and arrangements of the components set forth in the following description or illustration. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the concept of this disclosure may be readily utilized as a basis for the design of other structures, methods, and systems for carrying out the several purposes of the grocery cart beverage holder.

It is therefore important that the claims be regarded as including such equivalent construction insofar as they do not depart from the spirit and scope of the grocery cart beverage holder. It is also to be understood that the phraseology and terminology employed herein are for purposes of description and should not be regarded as limiting.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The accompanying drawings, which are included to provide a further understanding of the invention and are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification, illustrate embodiments of the invention and together with the description serve to explain the principles of the invention:

In the drawings:

FIG. 1 illustrates a perspective view of the grocery cart beverage holder.

FIG. 2 illustrates a top view of the grocery cart beverage holder.

FIG. 2A illustrates a top view of the coupon holder by itself.

FIG. 3 illustrates a cross-sectional view along line 3-3 in FIG. 2 of the grocery cart beverage holder.

FIG. 4 illustrates a side view of the grocery cart beverage holder.

FIG. 5 illustrates a perspective view of the grocery cart beverage holder in use with a beverage.

FIG. 5A illustrates a perspective view of the grocery cart beverage holder in use with the coupon holder holding a coupon.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENT

The following detailed description is merely exemplary in nature and is not intended to limit the described embodiments of the application and uses of the described embodiments. As used herein, the word "exemplary" or "illustrative" means "serving as an example, instance, or illustration." Any implementation described herein as "exemplary" or "illustrative" is not necessarily to be construed as preferred or advantageous over other implementations. All of the implementations described below are exemplary implementations provided to enable persons skilled in the art to practice the disclosure and are not intended to limit the scope of the appended claims. Furthermore, there is no intention to be bound by any

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expressed or implied theory presented in the preceding technical field, background, brief summary or the following detailed description.

Detailed reference will now be made to the preferred embodiment of the present invention, examples of which are illustrated in FIGS. 1-5A. A grocery cart beverage holder **100** (hereinafter invention) is further defined with a first member **101** and a second member **111**. The first member **101** and the second member **111** each have a beverage cutout **121** that when aligned forms a cup holder slot **122**. The first member **101** is further defined with a first inner edge **102** and a first outer edge **103** whereas the second member **111** includes a second inner edge **112** and a second outer edge **113**. The first inner edge **102** abuts the second inner edge **112** when the first member **101** and the second member **111** are forming a planar surface or are generally parallel with one another. Moreover, the first member **101** has a shape that mirrors that of the second member **111**.

The first outer edge **103** and the second outer edge **113** define a length **105** of the first member **101** and the second member **111** collectively. The first outer edge **103** and the second outer edge **113** each include a slideable member **131**, which extends laterally to adjust to an opening provided on a grocery cart **200**. Moreover, the slideable members **131** each include a first slideable member **132** and a second slideable member **133**. The second slideable member **133** includes a clip member **134** that enables the slideable member **131** to attach itself to the grocery cart **200**. It shall be noted that the grocery cart **200** is further defined with a rear wall surface **201** and a pivoting child seat wall surface **202**. The area in between the rear wall surface **201** and the pivoting child seat wall surface **202** is where the invention **100** is placed, and is configured for use there with as well as to support a beverage **300** therein.

The clip member **134** clips the slideable members **131** to the rear wall surface **201** and the pivoting child seat wall surface **202**. Moreover, the clip members **134** attach to a top child edge **203** of the pivoting child seat wall surface **202** as well as to a top rear edge **204** of the rear wall surface **201**.

Referring to FIG. 3, the first slideable member **132** slides back and forth with respect to a recess **141** integrated into the first outer edge **103** and the second outer edge **113** of the first member **101** and the second member **111**, respectively. The second slideable member **133** slides back and forth with respect to a second recess **142** integrated into the first slideable member **132**. The second slideable member **133** and the clip member **134** are the same component, but identified relative to their respective function.

The invention **100** includes a wire hanger **151** that enables the first member **101** to pivot with respect to the second member **111**. Moreover, the wire hanger **151** forms a hinge at where the first inner edge **102** abuts the second inner edge **112**. Referring to FIG. 2, the wire hanger **151** enables interconnection of hinge arms **152** provided on both the first member **101** and the second member **111**. Moreover, the hinge arms **152** are provided on opposing sides of the beverage cup slot **122**. The wire hanger **151** connects the first member **101** to the second member **111**, and also rotates downwardly to act as a stop to prevent the beverage **300** from traveling too far into the beverage cup slot **122**.

The invention **100** includes a coupon holder **160** that is fully detachable with respect to the first member **101** and the second member **111**. Moreover, the coupon holder **160** is further defined with a coupon spring clip **161** on a top coupon surface **162**. The coupon holder **160** is further defined with a first coupon member **165** and a second coupon member **166**. The first coupon member **165** attaches to and pivots with

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respect to the second coupon member **166** via a coupon hinge **167**. The first coupon member **165** and the second coupon member **166** both have an inverted “U” shape such that coupon side members **169** extend downwardly from opposing sides.

The coupon side members **169** enable the coupon holder **160** to be seated on top of the first member **101** and the second member **111**. Moreover, the coupon side members **169** include nodules **170** that are oriented inwardly in order to engage the sides of the first member **101** and the second member **111**. The coupon holder **160** is able to support at least one coupon **400** on the top coupon surface **162** via the coupon spring clip **161**.

With respect to the above description, it is to be realized that the optimum dimensional relationship for the various components of the invention **100**, to include variations in size, materials, shape, form, function, and the manner of operation, assembly and use, are deemed readily apparent and obvious to one skilled in the art, and all equivalent relationships to those illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification are intended to be encompassed by the invention **100**.

It shall be noted that those skilled in the art will readily recognize numerous adaptations and modifications which can be made to the various embodiments of the present invention which will result in an improved invention, yet all of which will fall within the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined in the following claims. Accordingly, the invention is to be limited only by the scope of the following claims and their equivalents.

The inventor claims:

1. A grocery cart beverage holder comprising:

a first member and a second member that are configured to clip themselves onto a rear wall and a pivoting child seat wall surface of a grocery cart;

wherein the first member and the second member collectively form a cup holder slot configured to support a beverage;

wherein the first member and the second member each have a beverage cutout that when aligned forms the cup holder slot; wherein the first member is further defined with a first inner edge and a first outer edge whereas the second member includes a second inner edge and a second outer edge;

wherein the first inner edge abuts the second inner edge when the first member and the second member are forming a planar surface, and are generally parallel with one another; wherein the first member has a shape that mirrors that of the second member; wherein the first outer edge and the second outer edge define a length of the first member and the second member collectively;

wherein the first outer edge and the second outer edge each include a slideable member, which extends laterally to adjust to an opening provided on the grocery cart.

2. The grocery cart beverage holder as claimed in claim 1 wherein the slideable members each include a first slideable member and a second slideable member; wherein the second slideable member includes a clip member that enables the slideable member to attach itself to the rear wall and the pivoting child seat wall surface of the grocery cart.

3. The grocery cart beverage holder as described in claim 2 wherein the clip member clips the slideable members to the rear wall surface and the pivoting child seat wall surface; wherein the clip members attach to a top child edge of the pivoting child seat wall surface as well as to a top rear edge of the rear wall surface.

4. The grocery cart beverage holder as described in claim 3 wherein the first slideable member slides back and forth with

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respect to a recess integrated into the first outer edge and the second outer edge of the first member and the second member, respectively.

5. The grocery cart beverage holder as described in claim 4 wherein the second slideable member slides back and forth with respect to a second recess integrated into the first slideable member.

6. The grocery cart beverage holder as described in claim 5 wherein a wire hanger enables the first member to pivot with respect to the second member; wherein the wire hanger forms a hinge at where the first inner edge abuts the second inner edge; wherein the wire hanger enables inter-connection of hinge arms provided on both the first member and the second member; wherein the hinge arms are provided on opposing sides of the beverage cup slot.

7. The grocery cart beverage holder as described in claim 6 wherein the wire hanger connects the first member to the second member, and also rotates downwardly to act as a stop to prevent the beverage from over travel with respect to the beverage cup slot.

8. The grocery cart beverage holder as described in claim 7 wherein a coupon holder is included, and is fully detachable with respect to the first member and the second member; wherein the coupon holder is further defined with a coupon spring clip on a top coupon surface; wherein the coupon holder is further defined with a first coupon member and a second coupon member; wherein the first coupon member attaches to and pivots with respect to the second coupon member via a coupon hinge; wherein the first coupon member and the second coupon member both have an inverted “U” shape such that coupon side members extend downwardly from opposing sides.

9. The grocery cart beverage holder as described in claim 8 wherein the coupon side members enable the coupon holder to be seated on top of the first member and the second member; wherein the coupon side members include nodules that are oriented inwardly in order to engage the sides of the first member and the second member; wherein the coupon holder is adapted to support at least one coupon on the top coupon surface via the coupon spring clip.

10. A grocery cart beverage holder comprising:

a first member and a second member that are configured to clip themselves onto a rear wall and a pivoting child seat wall surface of a grocery cart;

wherein the first member and the second member collectively form a cup holder slot configured to support a beverage;

wherein the first member and the second member each have a beverage cutout that when aligned forms the cup holder slot; wherein the first member is further defined with a first inner edge and a first outer edge whereas the second member includes a second inner edge and a second outer edge;

wherein the first inner edge abuts the second inner edge when the first member and the second member are forming a planar surface, and are generally parallel with one another; wherein the first member has a shape that mirrors that of the second member; wherein the first outer edge and the second outer edge define a length of the first member and the second member collectively;

wherein the first outer edge and the second outer edge each include a slideable member, which extends laterally to adjust to an opening provided on the grocery cart; wherein the slideable members each include a first slideable member and a second slideable member; wherein the second slideable member includes a clip member

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that enables the slideable member to attach itself to the rear wall and the pivoting child seat wall surface of the grocery cart.

11. The grocery cart beverage holder as described in claim 10 wherein the clip member clips the slideable members to the rear wall surface and the pivoting child seat wall surface; wherein the clip members attach to a top child edge of the pivoting child seat wall surface as well as to a top rear edge of the rear wall surface.

12. The grocery cart beverage holder as described in claim 11 wherein the first slideable member slides back and forth with respect to a recess integrated into the first outer edge and the second outer edge of the first member and the second member, respectively.

13. The grocery cart beverage holder as described in claim 12 wherein the second slideable member slides back and forth with respect to a second recess integrated into the first slideable member.

14. The grocery cart beverage holder as described in claim 13 wherein a wire hanger enables the first member to pivot with respect to the second member; wherein the wire hanger forms a hinge at where the first inner edge abuts the second inner edge; wherein the wire hanger enables inter-connection of hinge arms provided on both the first member and the second member; wherein the hinge arms are provided on

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opposing sides of the beverage cup slot; wherein the wire hanger connects the first member to the second member, and also rotates downwardly to act as a stop to prevent the beverage from over travel with respect to the beverage cup slot.

15. The grocery cart beverage holder as described in claim 14 wherein a coupon holder is included, and is fully detachable with respect to the first member and the second member; wherein the coupon holder is further defined with a coupon spring clip on a top coupon surface; wherein the coupon holder is further defined with a first coupon member and a second coupon member; wherein the first coupon member attaches to and pivots with respect to the second coupon member via a coupon hinge; wherein the first coupon member and the second coupon member both have an inverted "U" shape such that coupon side members extend downwardly from opposing sides.

16. The grocery cart beverage holder as described in claim 15 wherein the coupon side members enable the coupon holder to be seated on top of the first member and the second member; wherein the coupon side members include nodules that are oriented inwardly in order to engage the sides of the first member and the second member; wherein the coupon holder is adapted to support at least one coupon on the top coupon surface via the coupon spring clip.

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